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DD/S 71-0411

9 FEB 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training

SUBJECT : Extended Hour Training or Briefing Programs

REFERENCE : Training Bulletin 2-71

Hugh:

We thought we had mentioned and perhaps distributed to you a note Colonel White wrote in October which worried about all-employee extended hour training or briefing programs. A copy of Colonel White's note and the IG memorandum it covered are attached. The latter is a possible assist in the organization of additional narcotics programs.

As I indicated to Rod by telephone, Colonel White became aware of the two-day Youth Forum only as the posters were put up on the bulletin boards. He is bothered at the prospect of 450 plus employees spending two days in the auditorium away from their assigned duties participating by in large in a program which has little to do with their duties. He called attention to the 22 October routing sheet note that we should clear any programs of this sort in advance and he also wondered if any action had been taken to inform the Director in advance of organizing this Youth Forum. Rod did not find any indicators that this had been mentioned specifically to the Director but he did point out that [redacted] is to lead one of the panels on the second day.

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Would you put a lock on additional programs of this kind so that we do get some word in advance topside? Would you also review the matter of a completely uncontrolled "anybody come" approach against some control mechanism which would ensure a supervisory determination of relevance or some other counter to Colonel White's word?

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John W. Coffey
Deputy Director
for Support

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DD/S 70-4283: Memorandum for the Record frm [redacted] dtd 19 October 1970 subj: Two-Day Presentation on Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs STAT

28 October 1970

NOTE FOR: Mr. Coffey

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I asked [redacted] to elaborate on his statement "I was shocked by the display of bad manners by some in the audience." He informed me that while Mr. McMahon used gutter language, which was bad enough, some of the audience was more offended by his strict law enforcement posture and position that smoking marijuana is a criminal offense and should be so dealt with. This aggravated several women and one man, all of whom took him to task from the floor, arguing that it is a social problem and McMahon's position was all wrong. When asked what he thought of using methadon as treatment for hard drugs, McMahon said it was worthless and it is wrong to substitute one drug for another. This too caused some outrage from the audience.

This behavior shocked Ken who felt the audience should have acted as guests and accept the speaker for what he was -- an enforcement agent -- and not engage in heated argument.

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Remarks:

Bob:

Please add this to the material I sent along earlier about narcotics and dangerous drugs. I don't know what we should do about a further educational program, but I should like to be consulted before we reschedule this or any other "open-to-all-customers" sessions where the employees are to be excused from duties in order to attend.

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Notes by LKW
10/31

19 October 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Two-Day Presentation on Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs

1. I attended a two-day presentation in the auditorium, 13 and 14 October, on the subject of narcotics and dangerous drugs. The presentation was made by Oscar F. Simon and James J. McMahon, Special Agents from the Special Training Division, Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, U.S. Department of Justice. Mr. Simon commented that the presentation was originally intended for a group of about 50 people and was to emphasize the security and law enforcement aspects of the drug problem; however, in view of the audience of 500 people with obviously diverse interests, they would depart from their announced schedule, which they did.

25X1 2. [REDACTED] of the Office of Training was present at the sessions and appeared to be the Agency's conducting officer. I asked him about the background of the presentation. Zeke said he had been away for a few days, and when he returned found that planning for the seminar was already in train. It is his understanding that Bob Bannerman asked that it be laid on. It was originally planned as a presentation to officers of Medical Services, Security, and Personnel and was to be held in a room that would accommodate about 50 people. That room then became unavailable, and the only other available space that was large enough to hold the group was the auditorium. Since the auditorium affords seating for about 500, it was decided to open the meeting to anyone else who might be interested in attending. They received about 800 applications. Zeke said that "people are demanding" that a repeat be scheduled, but he feels that they probably will "wait for the dust to settle" following the first presentation. The presentation generated much favorable comment from some of those attending, but there were many who objected to it.

3. I personally enjoyed the sessions and thought them well worth while, but there were many who were plainly upset and angry. Ten percent or more of the auditorium seats were vacant on the second day. These observations are pertinent:

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- a. Departing from the planned schedule resulted in a presentation that was poorly organized.
- b. Mr. Simon is not a good lecturer. His vocabulary is limited; his grammar is spotty; and he is ill at ease on the platform.
- c. Mr. McMahon is a hip-talking, occasionally foul-mouthed, show-off. Some found him entertaining; some thought him obnoxious.
- d. Both are "drug cops" responsible for finding and shutting off sources of supply and for arresting sellers and users of drugs. They see the solution to the drug problem in law enforcement. Many in the audience disagreed with them on this.
- e. Most of the questions dealt with the social and psychological aspects of drug use. The lecturers were not qualified to provide answers on these subjects.
- f. Many people were interested in learning how to detect drug use in their families and how to cope with it. Again, answers were not forthcoming.
- g. A few people knew something of the methadon regimen and argued its merits with the lecturers. They were upset when the lecturers belittled the merits of methadon.
- h. One guest launched into a long and angry tirade against treating marijuana users as criminals when we do not yet know that marijuana is hazardous in itself.
- i. The promised demonstration of the smell of burning marijuana did not take place. The "grass" they had planned to use had to be taken to the White House for a demonstration there.
- j. Many of the questions that were asked were unanswerable. Many of the replies to answerable questions were largely irrelevant to the questions asked.
- k. McMahon's presentations were too crude for this mixed audience.

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4. The second day's presentation was a distinct improvement over that of the first day. McMahon was a little less flamboyant, and Simon had a better feel for the interests of the audience. The best portion came on the afternoon of the second day. Unfortunately, some of those who would have found the afternoon rewarding had dropped out by then. One of the movies shown on the second day provided answers to many of the earlier questions concerning marijuana use. It was produced with teenagers in mind, but it also has merit for adults. Another particularly effective training aid was a farewell to his parents tape recorded by a young LSD user just before he committed suicide.

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5. Dr. [] attended the session. I have since spoke with him. His impressions of the worth of the presentation are about the same as mine. Dr. [] of the Psychiatric Staff, was also there. His reactions were less favorable. He felt that the presentation suffered from concentration on law enforcement. Both remarked that some of the information given on the medical aspects of drug use was inaccurate. [] (a former IG secretary) attended the first day and a half. Neither deemed the presentations offensive.

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6. It probably would have been preferable for the lecturers to have stayed with their published schedule. A copy is attached. They invited trouble in trying to convert the sessions into a forum. They should have anticipated the type of questions likely to be asked and have recognized their own inadequacies in trying to supply answers to many of them. Even given the one-sidedness of the presentation and McMahon's gutter language, I was shocked by the display of bad manners by some in the audience. If the presentation is to be repeated, it should be preceded by an explanation by an Agency officer of what the presentation consists and of what it is intended to accomplish.

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13 - 14 October 1970

Tuesday, 13 October 1970

10:00 - 11:00	History of the National and International Drug Traffic Special Agent Oscar F. Simon Program Coordinator Special Training Division
11:00 - 12:00	Drug Identification, Part I Opiates, Synthetics and Cocaine Special Agent James J. McMahon Program Coordinator Special Training Division
12:00 - 1:00	Drug Concealment Special Agent Oscar F. Simon
1:00 - 2:00	LUNCH
2:00 - 3:00	Drug Identification, Part II Barbiturates, Tranquilizers, and Amphetamines Special Agent Oscar F. Simon
3:00 - 4:00	Recognizing A Drug Abuser Special Agent James J. McMahon
4:00 -	Film - "The Riddle"

Wednesday, 14 October 1970

10:00 - 11:00	Drug Identification, Part III Hallucinogens Special Agent Oscar F. Simon
11:00 - 12:00	Drug Identification, Part IV Marihuana Special Agent James J. McMahon
12:00 - 12:30	Film - "Drugs and the Nervous System"
12:30 - 1:30	LUNCH
1:30 - 2:30	Investigation of a Drug - Caused Death Special Agent Oscar F. Simon
2:30 - 3:30	Narcotics Informants/Undercover Techniques Special Agent James J. McMahon
3:30 - 4:00	Film - "The Speed Scene"

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